# CARLSBAD PROJECT WATER OPERATIONS & WATER SUPPLY CONSERVATION EIS AND THE NEPA PROCESS



#### What is NEPA?

The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969

### What is the NEPA process & why do it for this project?

- Documents possible environmental effects
- Elicits public input and feedback on the project
- Required when federal activity or funding are involved
- Provides a logical framework for developing project implementation plans

## Major Environmental Planning Laws Considered in this NEPA Process Fish and Wildlife **Endangered Coordination Act** Species Act **Executive Orders** Clean Water **National** (ex. Environmental Justice) Act **Environmental Policy Farmlands Protection New Mexico** Act **Policy Act** Water Law **Over 100 Additional Laws National Historic Preservation Act** and Regulations

#### **Steps to Complete NEPA** 3. Public **Public Scoping Prepare Draft** 4. Final EIS of Issues and EIS **Review of Draft** 5. Record **EIS Alternatives** Of **Decision** Analyze Address Inform Public Comments Comments Inform Public of EIS Develop Identify of Intent to Availability **Alternatives Alternatives** Conduct Conduct with Least Collect Data Project **Public Impacts** Analyze Conduct Open Meetings Recommend Impacts Houses Collect Actions Prepare Collect Comments Document Comments